

THE WATERWAY QUESTION.

SHALL NEW YORK HAVE A BARGE OR A SHIP CANAL?

All rival projects for outlets from the Erie Basin provide for deeper channels and larger craft than the 1,000-ton barge canal plan. The Rochester Convention of Men Who Oppose the Spending of \$101,000,000 on a Waterway Coked at Both Ends.

A convention of the organizations and individuals opposed to the expenditure by the State of \$101,000,000 to enlarge the Erie Canal into a barge canal will be held at Rochester next Tuesday under the auspices of the Chamber of Commerce of that city. The Chamber announced that it is opposed to the barge canal, but in favor of a deep waterway across the State to be paid for by the National Government.

That position is taken on the evidence of the commission appointed by President McKinley to conduct a survey for a deep waterway. Major Charles W. Raymond, Alfred Noble of New York and George V. Wisner were the engineers. The survey cost the Government \$500,000.

It showed that a ship canal with 21-foot depth could be built for \$100,000,000, less than twice the estimated cost of the 12-foot canal for barges. Of this total, about \$42,000,000 would be spent for the waterway around Niagara Falls from Lake Erie to Lake Ontario and the rest to make the channel from Lake Ontario to deep water in the Hudson. Almost half the cost would go for excavation, \$58,000,000 for locks, \$12,500,000 for locks and \$10,000,000 for locks.

The members of the Chamber of Commerce believe that any money spent on a canal which simply magnifies the canal and the canalboat of to-day and does not save the great expense of transshipment is money wasted. Naturally, they do not find the elevator owners of Buffalo and the lighterage pool at New York in accord with this view.

These private interests collect a total of 78 cents a ton on grain that passes down the canal, a sum equal to three times the cost of transporting the grain from Buffalo to New York, according to the estimates of the Roosevelt Canal Committee of 1899.

To the late Legislature, which passed the Davis act, was sent a petition signed by a number of the best-known representatives of the canal and commerce in New York, asking that such action be deferred and that application be made to Congress by legislative resolution for a further survey for a ship canal. The Legislature, well schooled by the canal lobby, shied the petition in the waste basket and enacted the Davis bill providing for the spending of at least \$101,000,000 if the people should consent to it at the election this November.

If New York is to have a new artificial waterway for the Davis act means practically a new canal—shall it pay \$100,000,000 for one that necessitates breaking bulk or shall it spend twice as much for a ship canal? That is the question which Rochester has raised in this campaign.

That a ship canal is worth only twice as much as a barge canal is due to the fact that the route surveyed includes the use of Lake Ontario as far as possible. That Congress may be made to see the advantage of such a waterway and to appropriate the money to pay for it as a national benefit is the opinion of those who have studied the map and see the broader theory of a ship canal if such an artificial waterway will meet the expectations of the engineers who have figured out the problem.

By building twelve miles of ship canal from Buffalo to Oswego at a cost of \$40,000,000, the vessels of the upper Great Lakes will be brought into the waters of Lake Ontario. Leaving the lakes through the survey shown, the vessels will be brought to Oswego Lake which, with six locks would cost \$20,000,000.

In instructive lessons from the viewpoint of the ship canal advocate in these questions and answers.

Q. How much will the barge canal from Buffalo to Oswego cost?

A. Fully as much as this \$100,000,000, for the reason that it comes mainly by artificial channels across the State, and that it would be a canal and not a waterway, and that it would be a canal and not a waterway, and that it would be a canal and not a waterway.

Q. What States are interested in the canal?

A. Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York. These are some of the most important States and have about 35,000,000 of population.

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HUNNEWELL REMARKS.

Mrs. Hunnewell Now Mrs. Tooker—Hunnewell to Marry Mrs. Kemp.

Notice of the marriage in London on Wednesday, July 15, of Mrs. Maud Jaffray Hunnewell and John Stansbury Tooker was printed yesterday. The news came from Lenox yesterday that among the guests at the wedding were Mrs. Belle Nelson Kemp and Hollis H. Hunnewell, Jr. Mrs. Tooker, who is a daughter of Howard Jaffray and a granddaughter of the late Edward J. Jaffray, the wholesale dry goods merchant, secured a divorce from Hollis H. Hunnewell, Jr., whom she married a dozen years ago, last autumn. The divorce gave to the mother custody of the children, aged 11 and 7. The divorce was obtained in Massachusetts, several grounds for the same being set up. No defense was put in.

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